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Gravelton, Ind.

We see thru the EVANGELIST that our Sister churches are placing themselves upon record, and in so doing their good works are seen and read of thru-out the brotherhood. So we come claiming our share in the good work, that others may see that we are still at work in the Master's vineyard.

We reorganized our Sunday school the beginning of the year with better prospects before us than ever before. Superintendent, Will Sharp, ass't, Lottie Stuckman, Sec, Myrtle Malcolm, ass't Editr Holdeman, all young people. Teachers, Pearl Malcolm, John Stuckman, Lottie Stuckman, Ettie Cothran, J. Holdeman.

As the work changes from the older members to the younger, it is a living evidence that we have not been idle the past years. To us it is a pleasure indeed to note this progress, and to step out of so responsible a position as this, and leave the work in the hands of our young people. By no means do we intend to leave the work here, but stand by the Sunday school and its interests. We urge up on the members of this church especially, to go in to the work this year with determined hearts and make the Sunday school a success.

As to our church, we must say we were somewhat discouraged. For awhile dark clouds seemed to hover o'er the church, but we trusted in him who rules over all, that in his own good time these dark clouds would pass away, and we would behold the dawning of better days. They have come. Now we rejoice.

A. T. Wirick has been with us but a short time, and it is thru him the church has been revived. We quite recently closed a twenty nights meeting with seven accessions. This meeting closed with a full house and great interest. We believe in the apostolic plan of immediate baptism after conversion. With this thought our pastor came before the audience asking for sufficient money to place a baptistery in our church, the money was secured, the work done and now we have a baptistery of our own, which was a needed convenience. We have also placed a beautiful clock in the church.

Our report is not yet complete. We are indebted to our former pastor, Elijah Stoneburner, for his good counsel, and able sermon delivered in the absence of pastor. We ask an interest in the prayers of the church.

JESSE HOLDEMAN.

Garwin, Iowa

As church news is sought and read by every subscriber to the EVANGELIST, I will write a few lines from this arm of the church. We are moving along slowly. Our Sunday school is improving some; our meetings are about as usual; some more of our members have moved away. My brother's family has gone to Washington to stay a year or so. So it is with the human family; some are looking for health, some for wealth and some for pleasure, and thank God a few are seeking the pearl of great price.

Our District Mission Board is keeping very quiet. I should think that some one could be found that would do a little work in our district. Brethren, put a little notice in our paper, the EVANGELIST, that we do want some one, and that real bad. I am rejoiced to hear of the good news all over the brotherhood. How God is blessing

his workers, wherever they work in the right way for him. May the Lord send many noble workers in the vineyard, to gather the ripened fruit.

FETTER HALL.

Lena, Nebraska

It has been a long time since last I sent a communication to our church paper. It does seem good to read the pages of this paper, better than it ever did before. The reason of this is that we are located for this winter among the sand hills of north western Nebraska, thirty-eight miles from town and no church service anywhere within distance where we may attend. So you will see that the church paper is greatly appreciated.

I wonder how many of the brethren and sisters ever looked over a country that is still as the great God made it. It is one of the most sublime views I ever witnessed. To ascend one of these hills (and some of them are full grown) and look around for miles and see nothing but hills, grass and cattle. One can then have a faint realization of the great power of God. When at home our church home is among the Otter creek brethren near Edmond, Kansas. In letters which we receive from the members at that place we learn that brother Geo Friend of the G. B. Brethren is holding services at the regular meeting place every two weeks; also that he intended holding a series of meetings soon, which I suppose are now running. Let the whole church pray for the effort at Otter creek as do we. May God bless his cause everywhere, is my prayer.

ROSA BOCKOVER.

Bryan, O.

Some time has elapsed since there has appeared any news from North Western O., by which we mean our own immediate congregation.

Our Communion. Tho' somewhat in the past, was the best we have had during any time since we have been here. Forty-five surrounded the table. Had it not been for sickness in the family, more would have been there. Quite a number observed the ordinances of God's house for the first. One feature impressed me greatly was, one whole seat, almost entirely occupied by our young sisters ranging from ten to twenty. But greatest of all the deep interest manifested.

Our Sunday School. This department of our work has always been good. Good attendance, good collections, and good interest. Two weeks ago the school voted to contribute \$5 00 towards the Chicago church building. It was small to be sure, but coupling this with what the church is doing, it will stand equal with the average. And I am quite sure none will be the poorer off financially, but richer if given as unto the Lord. I told the people that if at the expiration of one year, any ones conscience told them they were poorer because of contributing to the missionary cause, to tell me, and I would see that the money was refunded.

Our Young People's Society. This is a new feature in our class. About two months have gone by since our organization. Our attendance is good in fact better than we expected. There is always more or less novelty to some in a new organization, which as a natural result will get them out until this feature is worn off. Our general attendance however is from twenty-five to thirty.

Our Prayer Meetings. Of all the phases in church work, the prayer meeting is usually the least attended. But we are glad to say, and we are not bragging beyond measure either, that in this work there is too a deeper interest manifested than ever before. Our dear Brother Keiser gave expression to his feelings on last Thursday evening. He reviewed briefly the dark periods that this class has gone thru during past years, the many discouragements which came in their pathway, and now to see the deep interest manifested, says "I rejoice that God is so richly blessing us."

On Thursday evening Jan. 2, the prayer meet-

ing was announced to be held at the home of the pastor. About thirty-five were present, we had a good prayer and testimony service, and that was not all, they remembered us with a good donation. We are glad that our labors as pastor are thus appreciated. O, that when our earthly labors shall close, and we meet around the throne of God, as we hope to, may we meet each other never to part again. In this service we endeavor to give a Bible reading on some subject each evening. They seem to be appreciated.

The general outlook here. According to what we hear, the prospects for a strong congregation some-time in the future are better than at any time since the organization. In this we only speak as we hear. But this we do know, we have a force of young members to take hold that we did not have two years ago. There will be an ingathering in this class in the near future I am quite sure. At this writing we have one applicant for baptism, and several others who are near the door of the Brethren church.

S. B. GRISSE.

Hudson, Iowa

Since last we wrote to the EVANGELIST we have gone thru varied experiences. Extreme cold weather, sickness in the home. But while this world has much to discourage, it is true that there come to us also such good things to counteract the things that burden, that we ought to praise God. We have moved into a comfortable new parsonage, which does honor to the brethren here. We never did harder bone labor than in the past few months, but now that all is past and we enjoy, we think, the best and most comfortable parsonage in the brotherhood, we enjoy it all the more. Since we moved the sis'ers made out to give us a "pounding" and many did not stop with one "pound" but doubled the dose. In connection with this they took charge of the kitchen and gave us a most sumptuous repast. The day was spent in a social way as well as engaging in the business of the Lord, it being the annual business meeting. Will the good people please accept our thanks for all they have done for us, in helping care for the sick, in supplying us with a comfortable home, and the many pounds of good things given us. Now let us be about the Master's business with our might. May spiritual insight and advancement of holiness of life be ours to enjoy.

Fraternally,

W. A. WELTY.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio

It is with pleasure that we again come to the readers of the EVANGELIST with our report. We have been very busy in our winter's work, having just closed our work at Maple Grove, Ind. We began our meetings there Dec 23, and continued until Jan. 20, and notwithstanding there were services in progress both north and south of us, and a singing class west of us, yet we had very good attendance as was also the interest. The church very nobly stood by the work, and many thanks are due brother A. S. Menaugh, our worthy State Evangelist, for services rendered. He came to our assistance Jan. 7, and remained until its close, preaching with power. Immediate results. Nine were added to the church three of them coming from the G. B's and yet we were made to feel sad to think that there were some who were so near the kingdom, yet deferred to a more convenient season. But we will still hope and pray that they will surrender to the voice of God and enlist in his service. The church there is rejoicing over the victory won, and are taking on new courage and new zeal in the Lord's cause. May the Lord keep them all steadfast so long as life lasts is our prayer.

We expect, no preventing providence, to begin our revival meeting here at Pleasant Hill, Feb. 9.

The Brethren and Sisters are making some needed improvements on the interior of our church house, such as lowering and extending the pulpit platform, and placing in new lights, new carpets,